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## VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED and HAND DELIVERY

Director John R. Baza Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining 1594 West North Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Chairman J. James Peacock Utah Board of Oil, Gas & Mining 1594 West North Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

RE: Notice of Civil Action to Compel Compliance with Utah Code Ann. § 40-10-14(1)

Dear Director Baza and Chairman Peacock:

On behalf of UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. ("UEI"), we hereby provide notice consistent with Utah Code Ann. § 40-10-21 of UEI's intent to file an action in district court to require the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining ("Division") to perform its mandatory duty under Utah Code Ann. § 40-10-14(1) to issue written findings granting UEI's pending mine permit application for the Lila Canyon Mine Extension. UEI hereby withdraws its Stipulation to Amend Order in Cause No. C/007/013 and requests the Division to perform its mandatory duty to issue written findings on pending application No. C/007/013 within the next sixty (60) days. As discussed with Director Baza and Mr. Stephen Alder yesterday, UEI prefers to have the Division issue findings within the next sixty (60) days without requiring the court to mandate this action.

Very truly yours,

Denise A. Dragoo

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